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In re Application of:)	
JOHN A. BECKMAN)	
)	Group Art Unit 3726
Serial No. 09/025,531)	
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Filed: February 18, 1998)	
)	Examiner Trinh Nguyen
For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING)	
A VEHICLE FRAME ASSEMBLY)	
INCLUDING HYDROFORMED SIDE)	
RAILS HAVING INTEGRALLY)	Attorney Docket 1-5119
FORMED MOUNTING AREAS)	

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as indicated on the following pages.

Respectfully submitted,

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